

Amendments to the Specification

Kindly insert the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning on Specification page 31, line 21 and ending on Specification page 32, line 10:

As shown in Figure 18 a lower housing wall 247 supports a support member 249 thereon. Support member 249 includes slots 251 and 253 therein which accept shafts 248 and 254 therein, respectively. Wall 247 also has integrally formed therein leaf springs portions 243, 245. Leaf spring portion 243 biases shaft ~~248~~ 245 and stripping member 246 toward middle disk portion 218 by biasingly engaging a clip portion 241 of member 250. Spring portion 245 acts on shaft 254 to bias carry away roll 252 to engage the middle disk portion. The ends of each shaft 248 and 254 opposed of the roller is mounted in supporting connection with the housing through a releasable pivot connection (not separately shown) which enables each roll to maintain biasing engagement with the middle disk portion. The pivot connection enables each of the stripping member and carry away member and their respective shafts to be released from operative supporting connection from the housing and replaced. Of course, in other embodiments other releasable mounting arrangements may be used.

Kindly insert the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning on Specification page 32, line 19 and ending on Specification page 33, line 5:

In the exemplary embodiment the arcuate projecting portion 258 arcuately extends up to a driving area indicated ~~262~~ 252 in the enlarged area 228 of the band. In the driving area the band

extends further radially outward relative to the leading area 256. The driving area ~~262~~ 252 generally corresponds angularly to the positions of the high friction arcuate segments 234 and 244 on the outboard disk portions 220 and 222 respectively. As shown in Figure 19 the enlarged area 228 of the resilient band includes a ribbed design that is consistent across the leading area 256 and the driving area 262. In some embodiments the ribbed design may serve to provide desirable frictional properties for the band. Of course in other embodiments other designs for tread surfaces as well as other types of frictional materials may be used.

Kindly insert the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning on Specification page 36, line 17 and ending on Specification page 37, line 11:

As shown in Figure 18, the exemplary embodiment of the sheet dispensing mechanism 210 also provides for ready change of the picking member 212. In this exemplary embodiment the housing 268 which supports the sheet dispensing mechanism includes a tab portion 270 thereon. Tab portion 270 includes a bushing 272 adjacent to a free end thereof. Bushing 272 is adapted to accept therein a cylindrical projecting portion at the end of shaft portion 214. This projecting portion is readily releasibly engageable in the bushing 272 in the exemplary embodiment. The end of shaft portion 214 opposed of the bushing 272 is releasibly engageable with a drive shaft 274. In the exemplary embodiment the drive shaft 274 includes a cylindrical projecting portion that extends in a mating recess within the shaft portion 214. A driving projection 277 in operative connection with the drive shaft 274 is accepted in a corresponding recess in the shaft portion 214 so as to provide generally solid rotational driving engagement

between the drive shaft 274 and the picking member 212. As a result, in the described exemplary embodiment the picking member 212 may be replaced by deforming the resilient tab portion 270 outward relative to the housing 268. This provides additional clearance such that the shaft portion 214 may be disengaged from the drive shaft 274 and the bushing 272. Thereafter a substitute picking member may be inserted and will be held in place by the inward biasing force of the tab portion 270. Of course this approach is exemplary and other approaches may be used.

Kindly insert the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning on Specification page 41, line 1 and ending on Specification page 41, line 12:

It should also be noted that this exemplary approach has the advantage that the carry away roll and stripping member may be disposed from the support member 249. This also enables more ready replacement of the support member in the event that the support member sustains breakage or wear. Such replacement may be accomplished through the use of various fastener mechanisms which are operative to releasibly hold the support member in engagement with the housing. It should also be understood that in conducting servicing activities in the exemplary embodiment, generally it will be desirable to move the stripping member and carry away roll to the operative position once the picking member is in place in supporting connection with the drive shaft 274 and the tab portion 270 ~~272~~. However, in some circumstances servicers may find it useful to move one or both of the stripping member and carry away roll into the operative position and then to install the picking member into engagement with the drive shaft and tab portion. The approach used will depend on the circumstances and the nature of the servicing activity.